

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 03, 2014

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 3:30 p.m. in the Study Session Room located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 3rd day of April, 2014, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyzagi,
George Henderson, Steve Lucas, James
Wheatley, David Wilson, Chair Eddie Sims

ABSENT: Members Don Allen and Linda Lockett

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: Robert Wasoski, FOP (absent)
Koby Harrington, OU (present)
IAFF (position vacant)

STAFF PRESENT: Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department
Keith Humphrey, Police Chief
Jamie Shattuck, Police Department
James Fullingim, Fire Chief
Jim Bailey, Deputy Fire Chief
Ronny Davenport, Fire Department
Bobby Smith, Fire Department
Chad Hacker, Fire Department
Tim Miller, Fire Department

OTHERS PRESENT: Roger Gallagher, Citizen
Joy Hampton, Norman Transcript

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sims.

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Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF MARCH 13, 2014.

Member Wheatley moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of March 13, 2014, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Henderson;

and the question being to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of March 13, 2014, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyzagi,
George Henderson, Steve Lucas, James
Wheatley, David Wilson, Chair Eddie Sims

NAYES:

None

Chair Sims declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of March 13, 2014, were approved.

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ITEM 3, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES

Finance Report

Chair Sims wants to know the City's priority purchasing plan for the capital items listed on the ballot passed by the citizens yesterday. He would also like for Anthony Francisco to discuss the possibility of short-term bond financing at the next meeting so projects can be complete quicker.

A question was asked about the timing replacement of the radio system. The current radio system is good until 2018 but parts are getting harder to find for it. Radio system can be used until we replace it. The Emergency Operations Center needs to be built before the radio system is replaced.

Members are concerned with timing of purchases and the City's financial ability to purchase items or complete projects in the beginning years of the PSST II. Chief Humphrey said the RFPs are out right now for the radio system replacement. Both chiefs were commended for itemizing things needed for both departments.

Fire Department – skipped to Item 5. Chief Fullingim had a handout showing 5-mile rural primary fire service areas for fire stations #5 and #6. It's been recommended to relocate Station #5 three miles to the west. Population growth in these areas will determine location of new stations.

Far northeast Norman fire station will probably be needed in the future but don't know when. Currently if a fire takes place in east Norman, Slaughterville, Oklahoma City, Little Axe, and Cedar Country respond to help.

We will be building new fire station smaller than Station #8 and #9. Station #5 is moving south of the lake.

Member Allen – Four years ago it was suggested that the City should purchase land for future fire stations. No decision at this time.

Academy for recruits started last Friday with 10 members.

Police Report

The 51st Police Academy will hold graduation ceremony on Thursday, April 10th at 2:00 pm at the Masonic Lodge on Porter Street.

Police Recruiting testing begins on Saturday, April 12th.

Oversight Committee will receive invitation for Open House and Reception for the Smalley Center to be held on Friday, April 18th.

Currently having application processes off-site going to different locations to recruit.

Two-year implementation of the School Resource Officer program and will start in the fall of 2016. First year there will be 6 – 7 officers and one Lieutenant. The following year other officers will be brought on. Contract with Norman Public Schools – both legal departments are working on Memorandum of Understanding for the joint funded program. We have 2 lieutenants starting training now for SRO program and one will get the job. Both Norman Schools and Police Department will be involved in the SRO selection process. There is a very strict process involved for hiring SROs.

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ITEM 4, being:

DISCUSSION OF THE APRIL 1ST PSST RENEWAL ELECTION RESULTS

Member Wheatley – “Yay”

Chair Sims – vote was closer than I thought it would be.

Hampton – there are 10 provisional ballots – certified vote results will be tomorrow.

Member Allen – slightly more than 6,000 people voted in election – disappointed in turnout.

Member Elyzagi – also disappointed with turnout numbers.

Gallagher – said there are 65,000 potential voters.

Chair Sims – received call from former member of the committee – accused me of being supportive of someone else’s agenda – not the committee’s and not his own agenda. Committee disagreed and stated the Committee’s agenda was expressed correctly.

Sims – New role for committee?

Member Allen – Committee had impact on getting tax permanent.

Chair Sims – a temporary tax did not help the Fire Chief and Police Chief recruit new hires.

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Item 6, being:

ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA IN MAY

Member Elyzagi - where do we go from here? Need to discuss game plan. Also parameters of being an advisory committee member.

Member Allen – non-attendance of committee members is a concern. Letters will be sent to Member Lockett and Member Don Allen informing they are off the committee.

Chief Humphrey – would like to host the PSST Committee meeting at the new Norman Investigation Center (NIC) in June. Committee accepted invitation to meet at the NIC in June.

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ITEM 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Chair Sims introduced Nick who is serving an internship with fire fighters in the emergency management division.

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ITEM 8, being:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Member Wilson to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Member Wheatley; a vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, Malaka Elyzagi,
George Henderson, Steve Lucas, James
Wheatley, David Wilson, Chair Eddie Sims

NAYES:

None

Chair Sims declared the motion to adjourn is approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.